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List of Issues to be taken up in connection with the consideration of the second periodic report of **Tunisia** (CRC/C/83/Add.1)

PART I

Under this section the State party is requested to submit in written form additional and updated information, if possible, before 5 April 2002:

A. Data and statistics, if available for 1999, 2000 and 2001

1. Please provide demographic data of the under-18 population, disaggregated by sex, age and governorate.

2. In light of article 4 of the Convention, please provide additional information and disaggregated data (by age and sex) on the amount and proportion in percentages of the national budget, devoted to children at central and local levels, preferably in the last 3 years (1999-2001), to:
   a) education (different types of education, i.e. preprimary, primary and secondary education, salaries, preservation of school buildings, etc.);
   b) health care (different types of health services, i.e. primary health care, vaccination programmes, adolescent health care and other health care services for children);
   c) children with disabilities;
   d) social welfare support to families, day care centres, foster families and institutions;
   e) juvenile justice;
   f) please indicate the State allocations paid as subsidies to the private sector and NGOs in all above mentioned sectors, when applicable, and criteria for payments.

   Please also indicate the percentages of these allocations derived from international sources and its connection to expenses for children's rights.

3. Please provide disaggregated data (by age, sex and types of violations reported) on the:
   a) child abuse and neglect, sexual abuse, including within the family;
   b) number of individual complaints received by the Child Protection Delegates per year between 1999 and 2001;
   c) number and percentage of reports which have resulted in either a court decision or other types of follow-up by social public or private welfare institutions at the national or local levels.

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4. Please provide disaggregated data (including by sex, age and governorats) covering the period between 1999 and 2001, in percentages of the relevant age groups, in public and private schools on the:
   a) rate of literacy below and over 18 years;
   b) enrollment in percentage of children in preprimary and primary schools;
   c) enrollment in percentage of children in secondary schools;
   d) percentage of enrolled children completing primary and secondary schools;
   e) number and percentage of drop-outs and repetition;
   f) ratio teacher per children and ratio of qualified teachers;
   g) number of children with disabilities integrated in regular school.

5. Please specify the number of children with disabilities, disaggregated by sex and age:
   a) living with their families;
   b) in institutions;
   c) attending regular schools;
   d) attending special schools.

6. Please provide disaggregated statistical data (including by sex, age and region) on adolescent health, including early pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), HIV/AIDS, drug and alcohol abuse covering the period between 1999 and 2001.

7. Please provide appropriate disaggregated data (including by sex, age, type of crime, type of sanction) covering the period between 1999 and 2001, in particular on the number of:
   a) minors, who have allegedly committed a crime, reported to the police;
   b) minors who have been sentenced and type of punishment or sanctions;
   c) detention facilities for juveniles in conflict with the law, as well as their capacity;
   d) minors detained in these facilities;
   e) the percentage of recidivism cases;
   f) reported cases of abuse and maltreatment of children occurred during their arrest and detention.

8. With reference to special protection measures, please provide statistical data (including by sex, age, urban/rural areas) per year between 1999 and 2001 on the number of children:
   a) involved in sexual exploitation, including prostitution, pornography and trafficking;
   b) involved in sexual exploitation who received social (re)integration treatments;
   c) involved in child labour who are under 16.

B. General Measures of Implementation

1. While noting the partial implementation of recommendations 11, 14 and 15 of the Committee's previous concluding observations (CRC/C/15/Add.39, 21 June 1995, paras.10-18), please provide further information about follow-up measures taken for the implementation of the other recommendations.

2. Please indicate progress made with regard to the withdrawal of declaration No.2 and reservation No. 2, as provided for by Law N° 2001-84 of 1 August 2001, as well as any review carried out of its other remaining declarations and reservations with a view to withdrawing them, in accordance with the recommendations adopted in the Declaration and Programme of Action of the Vienna World Conference on Human Rights (1993).

3. Please provide information on cases where the Convention has been invoked before courts.

4. Please provide further information on the steps taken to establish a coordinating mechanism across sectors.

5. Please provide information on the effectiveness of the preparation of the "Annual report on the situation of the child", highlighted in paras. 53 and 54 of the State party report, as a tool for data collection and monitoring. Please provide copies of the report if possible.

6. Please indicate progress made in the establishment of an Observatory on the Rights of the Child, its envisaged mandate, functioning and financing, particularly with respect to monitoring progress in the implementation of the Convention and to receive individual complaints.

7. In light of the Committee's previous concluding observations (CRC/C/15/Add.39), particularly with reference to paragraph 18, please indicate:
   a) The level of public awareness and the nature of public debate which followed the dissemination of the concluding observations;
   b) How effective have the State's public awareness-raising campaigns of the Convention been, particularly with respect to professionals working for/and with children (eg. of Government officials, legislators, community-based organizations, religious leaders, the mass media), and the public at large, including children themselves.

8. Please provide any information available analysing the social significance of public spending in the implementation of the Convention and in particular regarding the five most prominent priority areas set by the State party for the next five years.

9. Please provide information on the legal status of non-governmental organizations in Tunisia, specifying relevant legislation. Please describe what efforts have been made to facilitate the involvement of civil society throughout all stages of the implementation of the Convention, including in policy-making.

PART II

Please provide copies of the text of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in all official languages of the State party as well as in other languages or dialects, when available. If possible, please submit these texts in electronic form.

PART III

Under this section, the State party is to briefly (3 pages maximum) up-date the information provided in its report with regard to:

- **new bills or enacted legislation**
- **new institutions**
- **newly implemented policies**
- **newly implemented programmes and projects and their scope.**

PART IV

The following is a preliminary list of major issues that the Committee intends to take-up during the dialogue with the State party. THEY DO NOT REQUIRE WRITTEN RESPONSES. This list is not exhaustive as other issues might be raised in the course of the dialogue.

The dialogue with the State party might include issues such as:

1. Information about the implementation in practice (e.g., in court decisions, in decisions by administrative bodies, in developing national and local policies on children's issues) of the principles of non-discrimination (art.2), the best interests of the child (art.3), the right to life, survival and development (art. 6) and the right of the child to be heard (art.12).

2. Legislative steps and/or reviews undertaken to ensure that all domestic legislation is in line with the provisions of the Convention, including in particular the principles of the right to non-discrimination, the best interests of the child and respecting the views of the child according to age and maturity and the right to development.

3. Information on the implementation in practice of the rights to freedom of expression, including the freedom to seek, receive and impart information (art. 13), the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion (art. 14), as well as freedom of association and peaceful assembly (art. 15).

4. The situation of children born out of wedlock, including applicable legislation, support programmes, as well as programmes designed to combat societal attitudes in this respect.

5. The situation of abuse and neglect, including sexual abuse within the family and domestic violence. Strategies developed to prevent child abuse and mechanisms established to adequately assist both the victims and perpetrators of abuse. Further, the use of corporal punishment, however light, in families, schools, care and other institutions and whether this issue has been addressed through legislation or programmes designed to combat societal attitudes and customs in this respect.

6. Availability, quality and efficiency of public and private health care services for children, particularly in rural areas, and for those of limited financial means.

7. Effect and impact of measures taken to ensure primary education is compulsory and available free. The situation with respect to school drop-out and repetition rates, regional differences, and access to education for girls. The success of governmental and non-governmental programmes targeted at reducing illiteracy amongst older children. The implementation of school curricula in public and private education, which reflect the principles of the Convention and the adequacy of curricula in secondary school in relation to high drop out rates.

8. Measures taken to promote the access of girls to technical and vocational and university enrolment.

9. Measures taken to implement policies and programmes, and enforce laws, designed to combat child labour. Information about children working in hazardous occupations representing a danger to their physical health and development, and the vulnerability of street children to economic exploitation.

10. With respect to children in conflict with the law, issues including conformity of legislation and practice with international juvenile justice standards, allegations of torture and ill-treatment of children, separation of children from the general prison population, particularly girls, effective monitoring of facilities, and the deprivation of liberty as a measure of last resort.